

**REMARKS**

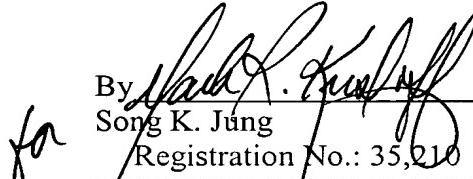
Claims 1-33 are now pending in this application. Only new claim 23 has been amended to correct a typographic error, which resulted in the accidental omission of the word "end" from the claim.

The application is in condition for allowance. Notice of same is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Amendment, the Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Patents to charge any fees necessary to complete this filing, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, or credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for the necessary extension of time.

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Respectfully submitted,

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